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1. During 1943-1944 the German government moved the main part of the former Physikalisch-Technischen Reichsanstalt (PTR), at that time located in Berlin-Charlottenburg, Werner-Siemons-Str. 8/12. A major part of that office, together with its administration and chairman, was located in Weida/Thuringia at the end of the war. In 1946 the Soviets created the Deutsches Amt fuer Mass und Gewicht (DAMG, German office for weights and measures). This new office was constituted from part of the former PTR and from the various offices of standards in the Soviet zone. Before the new office was erected, the old laboratories of PTR were about 75% dismantled, 25% of the remaining apparatus was passed to the new DAMG, together with about 220 employees. 280 employees were dismissed.
2. In 1947 DAMG was advised to move from Thuringia to Berlin, (Soviet Sector), to the following addresses: Niederwallstr. 18/20 and Oberwasserstr. 13. During 1949 the number of employees increased to 270, as follows:

	<u>Complete Number</u>	<u>Old Employees of PTR</u>	<u>West Sector Residents</u>
Scientific employees	45	35	20
Technical employees	135	70	24
Craftsmen	35	10	3
Administration employees	35	8	4
Unskilled labor	20	5	3
Total	270	128	54

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3. On 31 May 50, 47 employees of the DAMG, West Sector inhabitants, were given notice with immediate effect. The remaining employees who lived in the West Sector were warned that they would have to move to the East Sector or also be dismissed. At the same time, 40 other employees were informed that they would have to accept lower salaries. These 40 were principally employees of the former PTR.
4. At the same time DAMG was instructed by the East Zonal government to limit its cooperation with the new Physikalisch-Technischen Anstalt in Brunswick and with the so-called PTR in Charlottenburg (British Sector) to an absolute minimum, both in research and in legal questions. It is understood that this instruction said in particular that any connection with both West German and international Western organizations should be severely curtailed and, instead, a connection should be started with all Eastern countries, such as the USSR, Poland, and Czechoslovakia, and that wherever any questions of standards were involved, an attempt should be made to achieve a standardization according to the Eastern system rather than the Western. At the same time DAMG informed its Western counterparts that it would not further continue in the combined edition of the "Wissenschaftlichen Abhandlungen der PTR". It is also understood, although not confirmed, that the Eastern German Republic may request special representation in the Conférence Générale des Poids et Mesures and the Comité International des Poids et Mesures in Paris.
5. The only part of the measures reported above so far confirmed is a letter to the employees who are to receive lower salaries, a copy of which is attached. (Enclosure A) Reports of attempts of the DDR to change its standards from the Western system to the Eastern have been received quite frequently over the last few months. Such reports have come both from PTR circles as well as from DNA (Deutscher Normenausschuss). While I cannot definitely confirm that such a trend exists, it seems most likely that all reports in this direction are true. Obviously, no immediate break is intended, but rather a slow moving-away from West to East.

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ENCLOSURE A

TRANSLATION

Deutsches Amt fuer Mass und Gewicht
Personnel Office

Berlin C 2, Niederwallstr. 18-20

25 May, 1950
WK/He

Dear Mr. ~~*****~~
(At his residence)

As of July 1, 1950, a new arrangement is to be put into effect at the Deutsches Amt fuer Mass und Gewicht. The discussions that have taken place over the question between the DAMG and its employee representatives have resulted, so far as you are concerned, in your pay group, which up to now has been z.B. II, after July 1, 1950, being changed to z.B.III.

The establishment of pay groups has been done in accordance with the necessities and demands of the work. The foregoing arrangement has been coordinated in conversations with the BGL, and it is understood that agreement over this measure will be striven for between you and your employer representatives.

You are hereby invited to notify the Personnel office before June 15, 1950 whether you care to accept employment under the new conditions. In case the Personnel office has not been so notified by the time set, it must unfortunately be assumed that you wish to terminate your employment as of June 30, 1950.

Signed: WITTSTRUCK

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